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SUBJECT: (S) M/V IRAN TEYFOURI: PRC SAYS INVESTIGATION SHOWS CHEMICALS DESTINED FOR ARMENIA

REF: A. BEIJING 1354 B. STATE 37260 C. BEIJING 1309 D. STATE 35977 E. BEIJING 333 AND PREVIOUS Classified By: Deputy Political Section Chief Be 1.(S) China determined that the end-user of sodium sulfide to be transported on the M/V Iran Teyfouri is located in Armenia and not Iran, MFA A 2.(S) Reading from prepared points, Yang said China attaches "great importance" to the information provided by the United States to China on Ar 3.(S) When asked if this controlled chemical was a typical Chinese export to Armenia, Yang said she is not certain, but claimed the chemical is 4.(S) PolOff pointed out that when the M/V Iran Teyfouri sailed from Tianjin in January, the PRC investigation concluded that the vessel stoppe RANDT